

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 573 - SB 663

March 30, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Specifies that educational benefits received by a veteran will not be considered income in determining the eligibility of a veteran to receive any income-based state service or benefit.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 71-5-403, TennCare is required to disregard any Federal veterans' education benefits as income when making eligibility determinations.
- According to the Department of Human Services (DHS), the Department administers no solely State funded benefit programs. DHS currently complies with federal provisions that govern excluding as income the value of Federal veterans' education benefits in determining TANF Food Stamp, Medicaid, and Energy Assistance benefits eligibility.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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